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Val had accumulated lots of jewellery over the years; pieces that have been gifted to her or things had had been passed down through the family - her Mum's wedding and engagement rings and anniversary gifts from her husband.

A lot of it had huge sentimental value, but she realised that she barely wore any of it.

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New special school will offer pupils improved life chances

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By Owen Hughes

A NEW special free school will open in Basingstoke within the next two years to support more than 100 students with autism and communication needs.

Catch22 Multi Academies Trust was revealed last month as the sponsor for the school that is due to open in 2020.

There will be places for 125 students aged four to 16 years old with autism spectrum disorder and social communication needs.

Executive principal Graham Payne said: "Catch22 Multi Academies Trust is delighted to be announced as the sponsor of a new special free school in Hampshire.

"This is a hugely exciting opportunity to open an outstanding new provision to improve the life chances of children aged between four to 16 in Basingstoke.

"This new school, alongside The Ashwood Academy, will form our Hampshire hub, allowing us to share best practice to maximise support and positive outcomes for all young people in the area."

Many special schools in the country struggle to meet the high demand for places, especially for autismspecific places.

The announcement means that Basingstoke will be able to provide young people with particular

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The sounds of brass and marching feet could be heard through the heart of Basingstoke as the town commemorated 100 years of the Royal Air Force.

The band of the RAF Regiment accompanied personnel from RAF

Odiham, the Royal Air Forces
Association and the Air Cadets as they
marched along High Street forming up
around the war memorial.

A Chinook flew over the parade at I lam to mark the beginning of the ceremony on Thursday last week. A short service was conducted with readings, hymns and prayers, concluding with a verse from the national anthem.

The gathered crowds had the opportunity to look around a number of station stalls, including a survival raft from the survival equipment section, and were entertained by the military wives choir.

The RAF regiment also displayed a number of weapons such as the .50 Heavy Machine Gun and the 7.62 Sharpshooter rifle.



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On their marks for marathon

Basingstoke runners will compete in the London marathon later this month to raise funds for charities in the region.

St Michael's Hospice, the Pink Place, Pelican Cancer Foundation and Basingstoke & Alton Cardiac Rehab Charity will all benefit from runners hitting the tarmac in the capital on April 22.

BASINGSTOKE Aquadrome manager Jan Osborne, 54, has been an instructor at Basingstoke and Alton Cardiac Rehab for more than 17 years and hopes to raise £1,500 to help keep the charity running.

Jan said: "I'm excited and nervous because I know what it's like, but both of my knee caps keep going out of line, which is very painful.

"I ran 18 miles on Monday and I'm seeing a physiotherapist, but I'm just looking forward to it and competing in it again more than anything else.

"The money could help the charity immensely; anything to help keep the equipment updated and keep the building open and running for everyone."

A spokesperson for the charity said: "We are so grateful to Jan for representing us at the London marathon and for her fundraising efforts."

The charity needs to raise around £320,000 this year to support more than 1,000 people who rely on the service.

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BASINGSTOKE runner Ashley Williamson will support St Michael's Hospice at the marathon.

More than £1,800 has been raised through donations towards Ashley's £2,000 target.

Ashley said: "It's always been a dream of mine to take part in such a prestigious event; and to be raising money for such a worthwhile cause is the icing on the cake.

"I've been working in Basingstoke for five years now and I feel that it's time to give something back to the local community.

"The training has already begun and is starting to hurt but, with this in mind, I'm looking to complete the gruelling 26.2 miles in under four hours."

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BASINGSTOKE-BASED reflexologist Wendy French, 41, will race in the



London Marathon for cancer support charity The Pink Place, where she also volunteers.

Wendy, pictured, said: "I got a ballot place in the London marathon so it was up to me to choose the charity of my choice, and everybody knows someone affected by cancer, so I decided to run for The Pink Place.

"It's an amazing place to run for and you can see where the money is spent and the benefits it brings first hand.

"I'm not a natural runner, I don't run with a club, it was literally just me and my trainers and out you go.

"I won't beat six hours or anything but just getting around and finishing will be amazing."

Wendy is more than half way to

reaching her target of £1,000 in donations for the charity.

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TWO runners will be raising vital funds for the Pelican Cancer Foundation based in Basingstoke.

Sima Lowery is running in memory of her father-in-law Eddie who "fought bowel cancer with great courage and dignity five years ago", and on behalf of her dad who has also been diagnosed with bowel cancer.

Jonathan Samuel is running for the charity for his colleague Tony Whelan who has been fighting the same disease for two years.

He said he would "love to see the charity benefit from some very much needed funds" to help it continue doing "excellent work".

A spokesperson for Pelican said: "The money that Jonathan and Sima will raise makes a big difference and allows us to invest in research and training to make sure that anyone who is having cancer treatment does so with the best and most up to date care available."

Donate to Sima at: https://bit. ly/2H4iVr9, and to Jonathan at: https:// bit.ly/2uYOkGz

Telephone box book exchange

A RUNDOWN red phone box in Old Basing was brought back into use as a village book exchange project on Saturday.

The dilapidated Pyotts Hill telephone kiosk was adopted and refurbished by Old Basing and Lychpit Parish Council and given a new lease of life as a book depository near the Old Basing Recreation Ground.

Children's author Sue Lawrence cut the ribbon on the library after treating residents from the community to a book reading on the lawns of the recreation ground.

The idea of a village book exchange came from Laura Haystaff who owns The Topiary Salon. Laura said: "I have seen book exchanges popping up in villages similar to ours and thought it was a great idea for our own. We held an exchange before Christmas at our salon, and the idea carried on from there.

"With many thanks to the parish council for helping this come to fruition, I hope villagers will enjoy having their own little library on their doorstep."

The community project will run annually from Easter to the end of October and will continue to be sponsored by The Topiary hair salon and supported by the parish council.

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Sue Lawrence, author of Harry. A Cat's Tale, officially opened the new book exchange in Old Basing. Picture: Tony Tuck

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FAMILIES went wild for an unusual safari park adventure at Basingstoke's Festival Place.

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Steven Connolly, centre director at Festival Place, said: "It's been a busy few days at Festival Place and we've really enjoyed putting on a great interactive event that families could make a day of.

"The level of detail in the LEGO sculptures really must be seen to be

believed and it's been great to see people's reactions to the artwork."

The sculptures were created by Hampshire company Bright Bricks, based in Bordon, which is the only LEGO-certified building company in the UK.

More than one million bricks were

used to create the models and the specialist team spent 6,241 hours building the animals.

Successful 'make and take' LEGO workshops took place over the Easter weekend, when children were able to build their own tiger or lion face and take it home with them.

InBrief

Four injured after roadworks car crash

FOUR men were injured when their vehicle crashed into roadworks on the M3 after a police chase.

The crash occurred on the M3 northbound at junction 5 near Hook on Friday when the men collided with roadworks on the slip road after failing to stop for police.

All four men in the vehicle sustained injuries and were transported to hospital with one man in a life-threatening condition.

A 17-year-old man and an 18-yearold man from London were arrested on suspicion of burglary.

Both have since been released from custody but remain under investiga-

A third man, 17, who has been dearrested, and a fourth man, 18, both remain in hospital.

Motorist killed

A 21-year-old driver from Fleet has died after crashing into a tree at around 9.15pm on Thursday last week.

A grey Fiat Bravo was reported to have left the carriageway and collided with a tree on Pale Road, the service road between Fleet Services Northbound and Fleet road, the A323.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

Anyone with any information should call Hampshire Constabulary on 101 quoting 44180125472.

Got a story? Call the newsdesk on 01235 516930

Funding for domestic abuse

By Owen Hughes

A SCHEME which helps victims of domestic abuse has secured more than £14,500 in funding.

The Hampshire Making Safe Scheme was set up by Hart District Council in 2015 working alongside the Blue Lamp Trust to support victims to remain safely in their own homes across the county.

The additional £14,573 provided by central government has been match funded by all the organisations involved, which includes all 11 district councils in Hampshire.

Public health at Hampshire County Council and the two domestic abuse providers, Southern Domestic Abuse Service and YouTrust, have also contributed to the scheme.

Hart District Council's head of

community services, Kirsty Jenkins, said the partnership will "work with individual clients to provide support and outreach work" and "tailored safety planning".

Kirsty added that "where necessary" the scheme will also fit "a range of security products to keep perpetrators out", including window alarms, door jammers, extra locks and chains.

"Since its launch the scheme has assisted more than 500 people to stay safe in their own homes," she said.

With the new government funding and match funding from partners, the scheme will be able to continue until the end of March 2019.

Anyone experiencing domestic abuse should contact the free confidential help service on 03300 165 112.

New special school to open for 125 students

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requirements access to education that will be tailored to their needs.

Mark Lehain, director of New Schools Network, said: "The application process to set up a free school is extremely rigorous so it is a testament to Catch22 Multi Academies Trust's hard work that they have been approved to open.

"We congratulate all the successful schools and look forward

to helping them through the preopening process."

Catch22 Multi Academies Trust's model aims to create a safe and nurturing environment where students are taught with a curriculum tailored to their individual needs.

The model allows students to feel able to build strong and trusting relationships with classmates and staff.

Thirteen other special school sponsors were announced, creating more than 1,100 additional

places for children with special educational needs around the country.

Catch22 launched the Multi Academies Trust in 2014 as an approved academy sponsor which focuses on students who can benefit from small, supportive alternative education provision.

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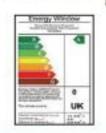






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From hair-raising to fundraising

BASINGSTOKE students put the highlight on a north Hampshire hospice by hosting a fundraising event last month.

Hair and beauty students from Basingstoke College of Technology donated an entire day's profits from the salon to St Michael's Hospice on March 26.

Businesses donated prizes to a raffle, including Basingstoke Aquadrome and Hollywood bowl, raising £500 for the charity.

BCoT principal Anthony Bravo said: "We are extremely proud and privileged to support St Michael's Hospice at BCoT.

"Our students worked incredibly hard to organise and promote this event and to raise £500 for St Michael's Hospice is a fantastic achievement."

Lynne Grimshaw, community campaigns coordinator at St Michael's Hospice, said: "It was a real pleasure working with the Level 3 Hair students from BCoT.

"Their enthusiasm was infectious and their hard work really paid off. The afternoon would also not have been possible without the support of the hair and beauty department tutors, and a big thank you to them for generously agreeing to donate the profits from the afternoon to the hospice."

Businesses give back to their communities

By Owen Hughes

THREE Basingstoke businesses are vying for your vote to be honoured for their work in the community.

It's up to you to decide which one deserves to be named the winner of the Business and the Community category for the Place To Be Proud Of annual awards.

All three have made significant contributions to the community in different ways, understanding the importance of giving something back to the area they have invested in.

The business are recruitment

agency Wote Street People, Lamb Brooks Solicitors and building company The Champion Group.

Maxine Hart of Wote Street People said: "Running a local recruitment agency we try to ensure that we reach out to all demographics, hence our work with Basingstoke Consortium for the education leavers right through to the M3 Job Club for the professionals who need help. I believe that charity starts at home, therefore with our own staff we offer flexible working to allow for a genuine work/ life balance."

Lamb Brooks has a long heritage in the town, with a passion for giving back to the community through involvement in community projects, charity fundraising, supporting local sports clubs or continued input with local business groups.

The Champion Group is a family-run business operating since 1981. As well as supporting numerous local sports clubs, over the years the business has contributed thousands to charities through everything from dress down days to chilli-eating contests.

To vote for your community champion go to the award website at https://tinyurl.com/y9erucv8

InBrief

Sexual assault

POLICE have released CCTV images in their search for a man who sexually assaulted a woman on board a train from Basingstoke to Woking.

The assault occurred on the train just before 9am on Saturday March 10.

A man approached the victim and attempted to build a conversation with her before touching her inappropriately.

Concerned for her safety, she moved to another carriage and departed at Woking Station where the man then followed her on the platform until she met with friends.



The man then boarded another train before leaving the service at London Waterloo.

Anyone who recognises the man in the pictures should contact British Transport Police by texting 61016 or calling 0800 40 50 40 quoting reference 183 – 04042018.

Agency's new HQ

AN international PR agency has moved its headquarters and team of 35 people from Surrey to modern offices in Hook.

The Whiteoaks Consultancy is rebranding itself as Whiteoaks International and is currently recruiting for a number of new team members in its Client Services and Business Support teams.

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Taking part in the PJ challenge

By Owen Hughes

HOSPITAL staff in Hampshire are getting ready to take part in a national #EndPJParalysis challenge.

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, is taking part in the national challenge aimed at getting patients out of bed and dressed every day.

The campaign's message is to help make sure those in hospital get better soon by making sure they have clothes to change into while they are there.

Donna Green, Hampshire Hospital's chief nurse, said: "People often think that staying in bed is the best thing for them when they are in hospital – but the opposite is actually true.

"It's important that patients get dressed and out of bed every day once they are well enough to do so and it's amazing the difference that just these simple actions can make.

"Patients who have been in bed for a couple of days often remark that they feel much better when they get up and dressed and it has been shown to help reduce the amount of time they spend in hospital."

Hampshire Hospitals is taking part in the nationwide challenge, which will feature hospital wards across the country report on the number of patients who are dressed and mobile by midday each day.

The challenge begins on April 17 and will run for 70 days until June 26 to tie in with the 70th anniversary of the NHS.

The ambition for the campaign is to capture a million patient days by the end of the challenge.

Donna added: "Visitors can help simply by making sure that their loved one has clothes and shoes to change into once they are well enough to get out of bed.

"We also want people to challenge us. If your loved one is still in bed with their pyjamas on when you come to visit, ask a member of staff why.

"Also, encourage your loved one to



Patients will be encouraged to get out of bed and get dressed each day during the 70-day challenge

sit on their chair rather than lay in bed, and to walk to the toilet whenever possible." In addition to boosting recovery, getting up and dressed every day helps patients leave hospital sooner.

InBrief

Find the funny

FANCY having a laugh? Drop-in on new improv rehearsals taking place every Friday evening at the Irish centre from 7pm to 9pm.

Hosted by comedian Nathan Keates, the improvisation classes will explore a mix of new and old improv games and exercises.

Nathan said: "Come for the laugh, chat to some people. Let's find the funny together."

Win training kits

NEW training kits for teams in Basingstoke and VIP tickets to two major sporting events are up for grabs after a national campaign kicked off last week.

Retailers McColl's, who have five stores within five miles of each other in Basingstoke, will run the 'game on, get in' campaign to customers until June.

Clubs can enter online to be in with a chance of winning a kit box at: https://bit.ly/2Ejln7z

Join animal trail

FAMILIES are being challenged to keep their eyes peeled for spring animals in the grounds of a former Tudor palace.

As part of the Easter fun at The Vyne, eagle-eyed children who spot creatures hidden in 10 logs around the gardens will receive a stamp to exchange for a chocolate treat.

This weekend is the last opportunity to spot the critters.

Tickets are £3 each, until Sunday.

'Banning ivory sales will help leave our planet in a better state'

BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller joined in a chorus of voices celebrating the government's decision to scrap ivory sales in the UK.

Environment Secretary Michael Gove announced the ban on ivory sales last week – the toughest ban in Europe – in a bid to help protect elephants for future generations. Mrs Miller said: "Banning ivory sales in the UK will mean our country is playing its part in halting the heart-breaking decline in Africa's elephant population in recent years.

"We need to leave our planet in a better state for the next generation, with stronger protections for animal welfare, but also cleaner air, greener spaces and tougher action on plastic waste."

At a recent European Environment Council, the UK called for EU member states to follow Britain's example and ban commercial trade in raw ivory, which is already banned in the UK.

Charlie Mayhew MBE, CEO of Tusk

Trust, said: "We are delighted that the government has listened to our concerns and given the overwhelming public response to their consultation is now moving decisively."

The move follows a consultation which had more than 70,000 responses with almost 90 per cent in favour of the ban.



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Award-winning jewel in the crown

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GLITTERING achievements were celebrated at the Basingstoke Business of the Year Awards with one company sparkling brightest.

Petra Jewellery won the coveted accolade of Business of the Year thanks to its 99 reviews as revealed by business support network thebestof Basingstoke.

In second place, with 77 reviews, was pub and bar The Poacher Inn and in third position with 67 reviews, Thai restaurant The Lime Leaf.

During the campaign, people were asked to show their support for their favourite business by submitting a review of the service they had received.

The awards operate at a national and local level with a UK Business of the Year, Category Business of the Year and Town Business of the Year being chosen.

At a national level Petra Jewellery, The Lime Leaf and Two Guys Kitchens won the awards in their category, beating off competition from businesses across the country.

Neal Purvey who runs thebestof Basingstoke said they were proud of all those who qualified for the awards.

He said: "They received some fantastic reviews from local people using their services.

"On behalf of the businesses I would like to thank every single person who took the time to leave a review. By doing so they publicly acknowledged the contribution that these businesses make to our local economy."

Calling Petra Jewellery a worthy winner, he added: "The number and quality of the reviews they received are a real testament to their ongoing commitment to deliver excellent service and a positive customer experience"

Mitch Lloyd, owner of Petra

Jewellery said they were delighted to have won.

She added: "It is an honour to be recognised for the job that we do.

"We would like to thank everyone who voted and helped us win the Most Loved Jewellers in the UK 2018 and the Most Loved Business in Basingstoke too. We are very grateful!"

Neal praised all the businesses which took part, saying: "Those businesses who won and were commended in their category nationally can also be very proud of their achievements.

"With three category winners our local businesses have certainly placed Basingstoke on the map for all the right reasons."

Police pay gap reveals 10% hourly difference

By Owen Hughes

POLICE gender pay gaps have been revealed for Hampshire officers highlighting a disparity of more than 18 per cent in favour of men.

The new statistics show women in Hampshire Constabulary earn 89p for every £1 men earn when comparing mean hourly rates; a gap of 10.7 per cent.

Women's medium hourly rate is even further behind at 18.7 per cent lower than men's, which works out as 81p for every £1 that their male counterparts earn.

Responding to the figures, Hampshire Constabulary published a Gender Pay Information (2017) document to explain that it is committed to the principle of equal pay for its employees "irrespective of gender". In the document, the gender pay gap is put down to a "historic legacy of significantly more men" joining the force and seeing through their career in a "limited pool of more senior ranks".

The force also attributes the gap to the kinds of jobs undertaken by male and female employees and the salaries that these roles attract.

It said: "The force's commitment to gender equality extends from new student officers who join the force at the same salary, whether women or men, right through to a very visible commitment within a chief officer team led by a female chief constable and deputy chief constable.

"The force is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive workplace, and is working hard to increase the number of women within the police workforce, especially in relation to police officers and in specialist teams."

The proportion of women in the top quartile (highest paid) of Hampshire Constabulary is 32.8 per cent, while the number of women in the lowest quartile is significantly higher at 61.9 per cent.

The figures also revealed that less than one per cent of women received bonus pay compared to 4.8 per cent of men, with the mean bonus pay more than half that of the male officers.

The National Police Chiefs Council lead for gender, Chief Constable Dee Collins, said police forces are "seeing positive steps" to address the gaps and women joining the force now will "find a far more diverse and inclusive environment than I did". www.basingstokeobserver.co.uk Thursday, April 12 - Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11

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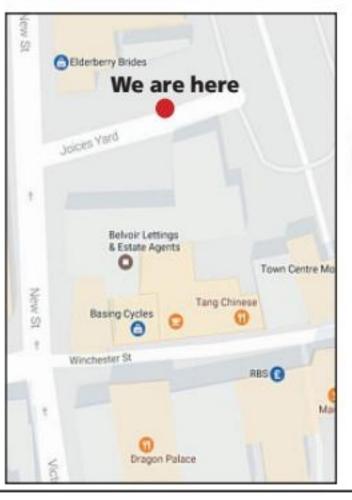
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Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is inviting people and businesses to get involved with their latest project to generate ideas for improving the lives of those in the borough.

The council launched the new campaign to highlight areas where smart technology could improve residents' quality of life or make working in Basingstoke easier and more efficient.

A panel of judges will assess the suggestions and, if selected, could feature in the Basingstoke Hack Weekend in early May.

The event brings together technology enthusiasts to develop a digital solution to the challenges set.

Daniel Garnier, economy and culture manager for the council, said: "Basingstoke is already leading the way for businesses when it comes to technology advancements.

"This challenge is part of the wider Smart Basingstoke Programme which aims to use technology to enhance the daily lives of residents and support economic growth.

"Smart technology has a chance to make a real difference and this campaign is an important step in the council's ambition to becoming a smart town."

The challenge is open until April 20 and ideas can be submitted online at: https://bit.ly/2Gwcrhe

Peak services to stay on track thanks to petition

By Owen Hughes

PROPOSALS to deliver more and faster trains for Hampshire passengers moved a step closer last week.

South Western Railway published the main outcomes of its December 2018 timetable consultation, with peak service calls at Fleet and Hook among the key issues addressed in the document.

North East Hampshire MP Ranil Jayawardena welcomed the protection of four peak services per hour from Hook, Winchfield and Fleet after more than 3,300 residents signed a petition launched by the MP.

More than 850 residents also signed and returned his special consultation response card urging SWR not to reduce services in the area.

No stations in the area will now have fewer peak services than they currently operate.

Mr Jayawardena said: "This is good news for hard working people.

"Following my petition, I'm delighted that SWR have listened and have protected our local services.

"If our local services had been reduced, it would have pushed more people into their cars, on to the roads around Fleet, Farnborough and Basingstoke – not good for anyone – so thanks to everyone who signed my petition



He added that recent reliability on the line "has been appalling, we need more and better seats, and current smart ticketing isn't smart enough".

Train planners have been reviewing the comments and making changes since the consultation closed at the end of last year.

Andy Mellors, South Western Railway managing director, said: "I am grateful to everyone that participated in the consultation.

"We recognise that this major timetable change will have a significant impact on our customers and the communities we serve. "We have listened to, and where possible acted upon, the feedback we have been given, and I believe now have an improved plan which will deliver a better railway."

Mr Mellors added that "it has not been possible to meet every aspiration" addressed in the feedback, including the most common response to retain certain station stops.

The final proposals were produced in partnership with the Department for Transport.

Full timetables are expected to be published later this year once Network Rail has completed its review.

InBrief

Water main work

TEMPORARY traffic lights in Hook could take more than three weeks to complete disrupting traffic flow.

South East Water is examining how it can replace a leaky water main along a section of Bramshill Road to prevent future bursts.

The company will be digging exploratory holes between the junctions of Copse Lane and Reading Drive South. Works could take until May 2 to complete.

Hackwood history

A FORMER agent to Lord Camrose will host a talk on the century-long history of the Hackwood Estate on Thursday next week at 7.30pm in the Willis Museum.

Brian Spicer will delve into the story of one thousand years of changing fortunes of the British aristocracy, from Norman hunting parties to 20th century house parties.

Visitor bookings are £2 and must be made at least two days in advance or call 01256 465902.

Cut energy costs

BASINGSTOKE homeowners could be paying more than necessary to heat their homes.

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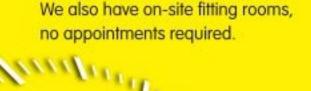
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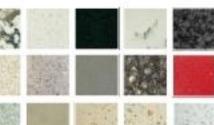
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Since the Bank Rate increased to 0.5% in November, lenders' rates have been gradually increasing in preparation for another increase. The Bank of England has recently revealed that the next rise could be on the cards as early as May this year!

Greg May, Romans' Financial Services Director explains, "Over the last six months, rates have increased from a typical 2.17% up to 2.41%, anyone who isn't already on a fixed deal may want to review their options to avoid inflated repayments should Bank Rate increase further."

"Homeowners sitting on a variable rate or tracker product may be hit the hardest if the Bank of By Romans Group

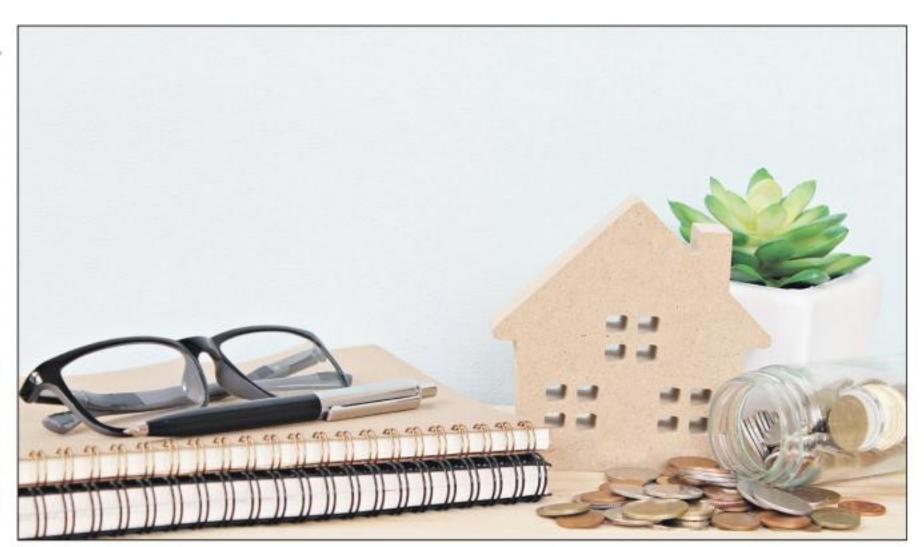
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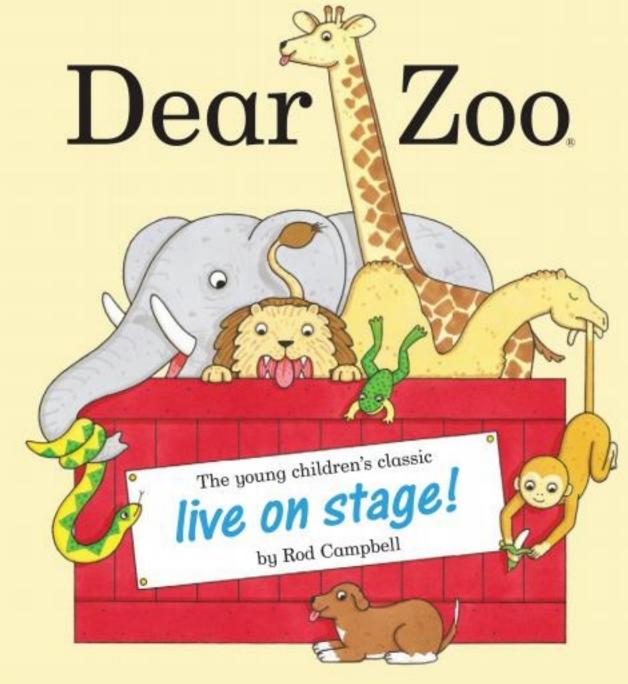
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Award-winning violinist to play

By Josh Cox

IN the 120 years the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra has been formed, it has worked with some of the greatest names in classical music, toured the world and inspired generations of music makers and music lovers.

The musicians will be taking to the stage at The Anvil on April 19 at 7.45pm, delivering an ensemble of classical pieces from the famous Russian composers Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and Sergei Rachmani-

Kirill Karabits will conduct the orchestra with soloist Nemanja Radulovic, who has been making a splash in the music world with his free-spirited performances.

The programme will begin with Rachmaninov's First Symphony, a strong and characteristic piece, which shows the young composer flexing his compositional muscles to telling effect.

This is followed by Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto which begins in heroic vein and continues with a tender slow movement. The spectacular finale takes the form of a whirling Russian dance. Delivering the Violin



Nemanja Radulovic will perform with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Concerto, is Radulovic, a multi-award winning violinist who has been a master of the instrument since 1993, boasting a vast discography and range of concert appearances.

The concert concludes with Rach-

maninov's Caprice Bohemian, initially brooding, then lively fantasy on gypsy themes; this masterpiece took two years to perfect in the late 1800s.

Tickets for the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra are priced from Charlotte Abramow / DG

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On stage

Spins and sequins

Strictly Come Dancing favourite Pasha Kovalev returns this year with his brand new show.

The Magic of Hollywood will be at The Anvil on April 24 at 7.45pm. Jam-packed with sequins, glitter and glamour, Pasha and partner Anya Garnis take to the stage with their sensational dancers as they perform to a Hollywood theme.

Tickets cost £26.50.

Fancy having a go?

Whether you're an amateur singer or aspiring Celine Dion, all are welcome at The Tea Bar in Basingstoke tomor-

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Uptown sounds

Get stuck into some Uptown Traffic as they perform on April 21 at The Chineham Arms from 8.30pm.

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Entertainment: Leisure

Touring to celebrate 30 years

By Josh Cox

CELEBRATING their 30th anniversary, Brighton folk-punk band The Levellers are setting off on a new tour.

The tour follows the release of their acoustic album recorded at Abbey Road Studios with the talented producer John Leckie.

Emerging victorious through the ups and downs of label deals, spats with the music press, and the wear and tear of touring, The Levellers are still going strong.

They have long been, and still are, one of the best live bands around, and, often overlooked, is their impressive back catalogue of recorded music.

The Levellers sold more platinum, gold, and silver selling albums in the 1990s than any other act.

They have had seven Top 40 albums, including the number one album Zeitgeist and their platinumselling 1991 album Levelling The Land, as well as a number of Top 40 singles including This Garden, Hope St, Just the One and What a Beautiful Day.

Musicians Mark Chadwick and Jeremy Cunningham met in The Eagle, a pub in Brighton, in 1988.



Discovering that they had a fair bit in common, including a left wing view of politics, they decided to form a

They soon added Charlie Heather on drums and Jon Sevink on fiddle and, after a short while, Alan Miles to play harmonica, guitar and the mandolin.

Before the end of the decade the band released two EPs on their own Hag label in 1989, which led to a contract with Musidisc and the rest is

The band have had a hugely varied career including headlining at Glastonbury Festival to 300,000 to winning the Roots Award at the BBC

Radio 2 Folk Awards in 2011.

The Levellers are making a stop at The Anvil on Friday 13 July; doors open at 7pm.

Tickets are £27 and £29.50. For more information or for tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244, or visit the website anvilarts. org.uk.

On stage Young musicians

The National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain will give their Spring Concert at The Anvil on Sunday at 3pm.

Comprised solely of children under the age of 13, the orchestra will be celebrating 40 years of performing on the national and international stage. Tickets range from £17 to £23.

Folk fanatics

Tom Paxton and The DonJuans are at The Haymarket at 7.30pm on April 22. Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award-winner and US folk sensation Tom Paxton returns to the UK with duo The DonJuans. Collectively, their songs have been covered by big names such as Neil Diamond, Ray Charles, Nancy Griffith, John Denver and Bob Dylan. Tickets are £30.50.

Wote Street Club

Last week we ran information about a gig on Saturday April 14 at the Wote Street Club in Basingstoke.

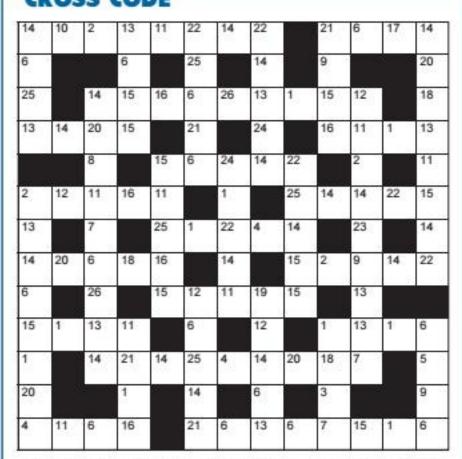
The information regarding local band Flying Visit was taken in good faith from a reputable source and promoted as being open to all.

Wote Street Club is open only to registered members and as such gigs are not open to non-members. We apologise for any confusion.



our weekly puzzle challenge

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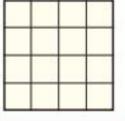
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- 2. Brunel's Royal Albert Bridge connects Plymouth to which Cornish town?
- 3. Depicted wearing a domino mask and green clothing, which Batman villain was played by Jim Carrey in Batman Forever?
- 4. In 1929, J.M. Barrie gave the Peter Pan copyright to which famous children's hospital in Bloomsbury. London?
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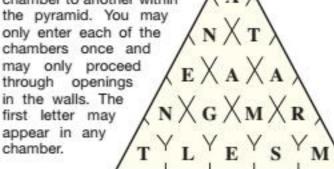
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make from this

- The 1991 Ryder Cup match known as 'The War on the Shore' was played at which golf course?
- 7. In 2000, Britt Robertson made her TV debut as the younger version of the title character in an episode of which series?
- 8. The former Bankside Power Station is now the site for which London art gallery?
- 9. Which fruit would you find in the centre of a Sussex pond pudding?
- 10. The musical Smike is based on which novel by Charles Dickens?

WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may



FIVE ALIVE

chamber.



Hard

Here are two miniature fivesquare crosswords using the same grid - but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

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Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same. Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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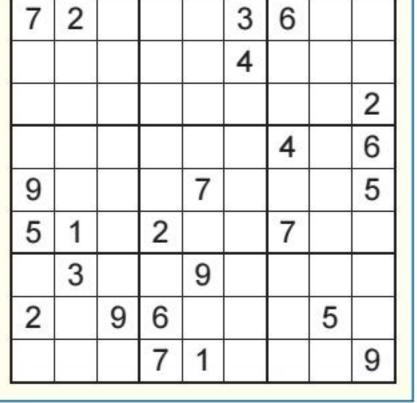
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divide. Total: 2.

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left - multiply;

SOLUTIONS

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Down - Known; Lifts; Sods. Across - 1 Good cause; 6 Gas; 8 Magnetic north; 9 Run-up; 10 (2) Across - Kilts; Offer; Nests. Down - Oasis; Every; Helve. Across – Obeah; Steal; Style. FIVE ALIVE:

up; 20 Moping; 21 Purist; 24 Ivan; 25 Yell; 26 Sere; 27 Aunt. Removal; 11 Optical; 13 Out of it; 14 Tyranny; 15 Sit up; 16 Pep tenon; tide; tied; tine; tined; tined; tined; Down - 1 Zeno; 2 Park; 3 Coccyx; 4 Favour; 5 Curd; 6 Pill; 10 often; ontic; otic; tein; tend; tendon; 23 Lily; 26 Stay; 28 Edifice; 29 Call; 30 Rank; 31 Legatee. 15 Syrup; 17 Matrix; 18 Rector; 19 Vacuum; 21 Puffin; 22 Pop up; into; intone; intoned; nite; noetic; Across - 2 Pacific; 7 Mega; 8 Unit; 9 Recover; 10 Rook; 12 Dolt; ONICK CHOSSWORD:

Gloria; 17 Offer; 19 Scion; 21 Eke. Garbage; 7 Scheduled; 9 Righteous; 12 Minster; 14 Sidecar; 15 Down - 1 Gem; 2 Organ; 3 Cheapen; 4 United; 5 Emie; 6 practice; 22 Sir, 23 Rearrange. Emerald; 11 Gemini; 13 As well; 16 Tinfoil; 18 Dosed; 20 Out of

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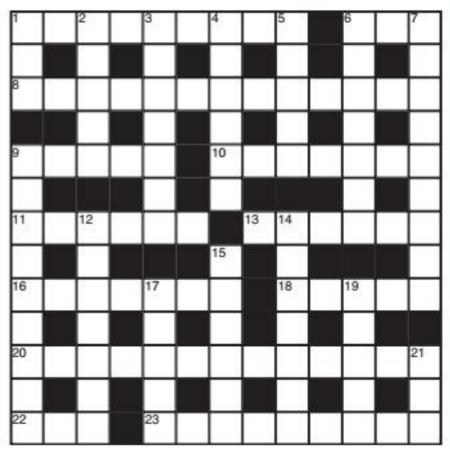
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD: CBOSS CODE 10 Nicholas Nickleby QUIZ CHALLENGE: 1 Pol Pot; 2 Saltash; 3 Riddler; 4 Great Ormond Street; 5 Viking; 6 Klawah Island; 7 Sheena; 8 Tate Modern; 9 Lemon;

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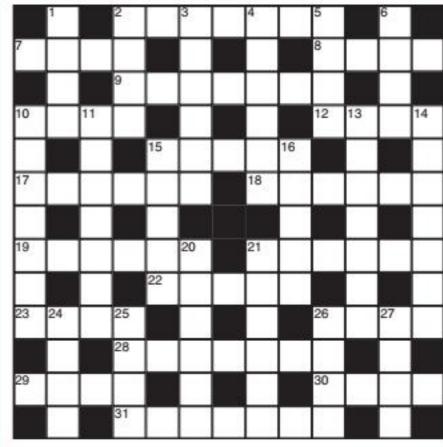
ACROSS

- Valid reason for charity
- 6. Kind of jet fuel (3)
- 8. Attractive point can help travellers get their bearings
- 9. Approach the preliminary period (3-2)
- Valuable stone island (7)
- 11. You may be seeing double with such stars in your eyes (6)
- Also like spring (2,4)
- Thin wrapping sheets can frustrate (7)
- Gave medicine, does upset Deirdre to start with (5) 20. Rusty, having been struck
- off (3,2,8) 22. Desired to include a
- gentleman (3) 23. Reorder back boiler (9)

DOWN

- Stone cut 11 Across in half (3)
- 2. Vital part of the church equipment
- Lower prices (7)
- 4. Joined a team in Manchester perhaps (6)
- Dan left Adrienne in chaos for him
- 6. Sack in French station contains the rubbish (7)
- 7. She'd clued differently as arranged (9)
- This rogue could be virtuous (9)
- 12. Clergyman, one leaving church (7)
- 14. A cider's fermented in this compartment (7)
- 15. She is a girl maybe with hidden
- 17. Tender bid (5)
- 19. Descendant is male, about 101 (5)
- 21. It's a part of the weekend supplement (3)

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Largest ocean (7)
- Huge (inf.) (4) 8. Single item (4)
- Regain health (7)
- 10. Chessman (4)
- Stupid person (4)
- Thick, sweet
- liquid (5) Mould, pattern (6)
- 18. Clergyman (6)
- Empty space (6)
- 21. Diving bird (6)
- Appear suddenly (3,2)

- 23. Arum (4)
- 26. Remain (4)
- 28. Large building (7) 29. Summon (4)
- Social class (4) 31. Beneficiary (7)
- DOWN Greek
- philosopher (4) Recreational

4. Partiality (6)

milk (4)

5. Cheese part of

- area (4) Spinal bone (6)
- Feeling depressed (6)

Tablet (4)

13. Without a

Transference (7)

Relating to sight (7)

chance (3,2,2)

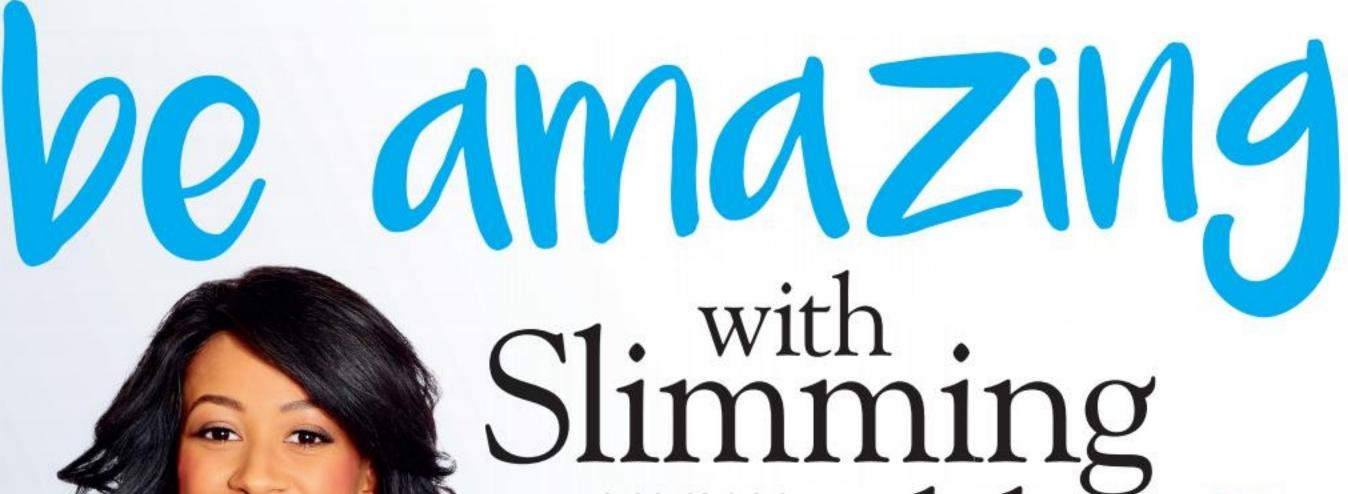
Become alert (3,2)

Despotism (7)

Invigorate (3,2)

- 21. Pedant (6)
- 24. --- the Terrible (4) 25. Howl (4)
- 26. Withered (4)
- 27. Female relative (4)

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Basingstoke Rugby Club Pack Lane 9.00am, 11.00am and 1.00pm Tel: Pat 07500 780553 *Kids Corner -Children Welcome*

Kempshott

Basingstoke Rugby Club Pack Lane 5.30pm and 7.30pm Tel: Pat 07500 780553

Oakridge Village

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Town Centre Carnival Hall Council Road 5.30pm and 7.30pm

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South Ham

Westside Community Centre Paddock Road 5.30 & 7.30pm Tel: Kirsty 07843 276953

WEDNESDAY

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Viables Craft Ctr, The Barn The Harrow Way 5.30pm and 7.30pm Tel: Jo 07515 719190

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Melrose Hall, Abbey Road 9.00am & 11.00am Tel: Jo 07515 719190 Kids Welcome

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Melrose Hall, Abbey Road 5.30pm and 7.30pm Tel: Julia 07528 131797

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Chineham Chineham Village Hall

11.30am Tel: Faith 07966 933994 *Children Welcome*

Chineham

Chineham Village Hall 5.30pm and 7.30pm Tel: Faith 07966 933994

Brighton Hill

Hatch Warren Infant School. Gershwin Road 5.30pm and 7.30pm Tel: Nikki 07795 515235

FRIDAY

Tadley

Ambrose Allen Centre, Franklin Avenue 9.30am Tel: Jill 07769 201106

SATURDAY

Oakridge Village Oakridge Hall for All Forsythia Walk 7.30am and 9.30am Tel: Lynn 07391 138672

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WIN tickets to see The Magic Of Hollywood at The Anvil

Pasha Kovalev winner of Strictly Come Dancing 2014, returns to The Anvil on April 24th with his brand

This amazing new show, created by Pasha and his long time dance partner Anya Garnis, will be jam ular dancers in an evening of live packed with sequins, glitz and glamour as Pasha takes to the and fun. stage with his sensational dancers and they perform 'Oscar worthy performances' all set to a Hollywood theme a night for all the family and not to be missed!

Pasha arrived in the UK in 2011 as new show. one of the professionals on Strictly Come Dancing. His first celebrity ning, unforgettable, unique, uplifting partner was Chelsee Healey and they became the nation's favourites when they were runners up to the coveted title. In following years Pasha was partnered with celebrities including Kimberley Walsh, Rachel Riley, Naga Munchetty, Carol Kirkwood, Chizzy Akudolu and of course winning a Strictly Trophy in 2014 with television presenter Caroline Flack.

After the huge success of his tours 'Life Through Dance', 'It's All About Closing date: Monday, April 16, 2018

new show 'The Magic of Hollywood'. You' and 'Let's Dance The Night Win tickets! Away' over the last few years, Pasha will be joined again by his spectacsinging, dance, Hollywood glamour

> In every theatre, Pasha invites a local dance school to perform on stage with him. An incredible opportunity to showcase amazing young talented dancers as a part of Pasha's

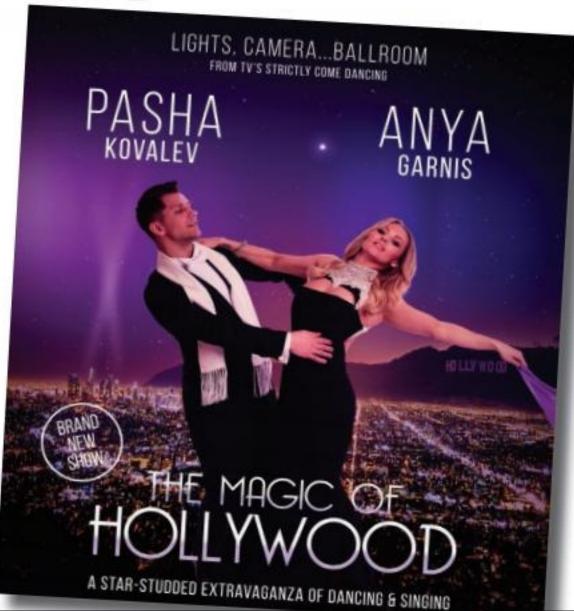
> It's a dazzling, sensational, stunand interactive show which will entertain audiences of all ages. A perfect night out for fans of Pasha, Dance, Ballroom, Hollywood and of course Strictly Come Dancing.

We have a great prize for 2 lucky winners who will each win a pair of tickets to the show at The Anvil!

To be in with a chance of winning this fantastic night out all you have to do is answer this simple question:

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Friday April 13th

TOP IV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

TOP



AFTERNOON

BBC I

9.30pm Have I Got News for You



9.15am Commonwealth Games 2018



BBC 2

9.15am



10.00am Homes Under the Hammer 11.00am Britain's Home Truths 11.45am Dom on the Spot

12.15pm Bargain Hunt

5.15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is

1.00pm Commonwealth Games 2018

ITV





8.30am Lorraine 9.25am

12.30pm Loose Women

2.00pm ITV Racing

5.00pm The Chase

1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News

1.55pm ITV News London

The Jeremy Kyle Show 10.30am This Morning

Channel 4





7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun 7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond

8.30am Frasier

10.05am Ramsay's Hotel Hell 11.00am Undercover Boss USA

12.00pm Channel 4 News

Channel 5

7.00pm The Gadget Show



8.20am Floogals 8.35am Digby Dragon 8.55am Rusty Rivets 9.05am Mofy 9.15am The Wright Stuff

11.15am Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime 12.15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors

1.15pm Home and Away 1.45pm Neighbours 2.20pm NCIS Special: Game of Shadows

3.20pm Patient Killer 5.00pm 5 News at 5 5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm BBC News at Six

1.00pm BBC News at One

3.00pm Escape to the Country

3.45pm Money for Nothing

1.45pm Doctors

4.30pm Flog It!

5.15pm Pointless

2.15pm 800 Words

1.30pm Regional News and Weather

6.30pm Regional News and Weather 7.00pm The One Show 7.30pm Sounds Like Friday Night

8.30pm MasterChef 9.30pm Have I Got News for You 10.00pm BBC News at Ten

10.35pm The Graham Norton Show 11.25pm Wannabe

8.00pm EastEnders 10.25pm Regional News and Weather

11.50pm Commonwealth Games 2018 3.30am Commonwealth Games 2018 6.00am Breakfast

6.00pm Eggheads

6.30pm Today at the Games 8.00pm Gardeners' World 9.00pm The City and the City 10.00pm Episodes 10.30pm Newsnight 11.05pm Front Row Late

11.35pm The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story 12.30am Panorama 1.00am Civilisations 2.00am Picasso's Last Stand 3.00am The Assassination of Gianni

Versace - American Crime Story

6.00pm ITV News London 6.30pm ITV Evening News 7.00pm Emmerdale Coronation Street 7.30pm Love Your Garden 8.00pm 8.30pm Coronation Street 9.00pm Lethal Weapon

10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather 10.30pm ITV News London 10.45pm Invictus Jackpot247 I.I5am 3.00am Take on the Twisters

Sooty

12.05pm Come Dine with Me 1.05pm Posh Pawnbrokers 2.10pm Countdown 3.00pm A Place in the Sun 4.00pm Escape to the Chateau: DIY 5.00pm Four in a Bed 5.30pm Star Boot Sale

6.00pm The Simpsons

10.00pm Lee and Dean

11.50pm Rude Tube

2.35am Kiss Me First

3.30am Building the Dream

4.25am The Question Jury

12.50am Oldboy

10.35pm 8 Out of 10 Cats

11.20pm Rob Beckett's Playing for Time

6.00pm Home and Away

6.30pm 5 News Tonight 6.30pm Hollyoaks 7.00pm Channel 4 News 7.00pm The Gadget Show 8.00pm | I Don't Like Mondays 8.00pm Springtime on the Farm 9.00pm Gogglebox 9.00pm Jane Mcdonald: My Life Story

10.00pm Will and Grace 10.30pm Will and Grace 11.05pm Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!

12.00am Super Casino

3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors 4.00am The Great Yorkshire Bridge 4.45am House Doctor 5.10am Divine Designs

Saturday April 14th

BBC I

9.30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys



10.00am Saturday Kitchen Live 11.30am Classic Mary Berry

1.15pm Commonwealth Games 2018

BBC 2

8.30pm Dad's Army



10.00am Commonwealth Games 2018

12.00pm Commonwealth Games 2018

3.15pm Escape to the Continent

5.30pm Living with the Brainy Bunch

4.15pm Money for Nothing

1.15pm MasterChef

2.15pm MasterChef

4.45pm Flog It!

ITV

3.50am

6.00am

6.30pm Ninja Warrior UK

ITV Nightscreen

8.00am Thunderbirds are Go 8.25am ITV News 8.30am Zoe Ball on Saturday 9.25am Saturday Morning with James Martin

11.25am Who's Doing the Dishes?

12.20pm ITV Lunchtime News 12.25pm Change Your Tune 1.30pm Britain's Brightest Family 2.00pm ITV Racing 4.35pm ITV Racing

Channel 4

5.35pm The Secret Life of the Zoo



7.10am King of Queens 8.00am Everybody Loves Raymond 9.00am Frasier

10.30am The Big Bang Theory 11.00am The Big Bang Theory 11.30am The Big Bang Theory

12.00pm The Simpsons 12.30pm The Simpsons 1.00pm Formula I 2.30pm Car S.O.S 3.30pm The Restoration Man 4.30pm A Place in the Sun

5.35pm The Secret Life of the Zoo 6.30pm Channel 4 News 7.00pm Coastal Railways with Julie Walters

8.00pm Britain's Most Historic Towns

Channel 5

7.00pm The Secret Life of Owls



9.10am Shimmer and Shine 9.30am Digby Dragon 9.45am Peppa Pig 9.55am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

10.30am The Gadget Show 11.30am Traffic Cops

12.30pm Traffic Cops 1.30pm Traffic Cops

2.30pm Live Premiership Rugby 5.00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!

6.00pm Doodlebugs 6.15pm Ready or Not 6.45pm BBC News

12.00pm Football Focus

1.00pm BBC News

4.30pm Final Score

5.30pm A Question of Sport

6.55pm Regional News and Weather 7.05pm Pointless 7.55pm Who Dares Wins 8.35pm Casualty 9.30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys 10.00pm BBC News

10.20pm Match of the Day 11.45pm Commonwealth Games 2018 3.30am Commonwealth Games 2018 6.00am Breakfast

6.30pm Today at the Games 8.00pm The Forest 8.30pm Dad's Army 9.00pm Gettys: The World's Richest Art Dynasty

10.15pm Commonwealth Games 2018 11.45pm Swingers 1.15am Civilisations

2.15am Weather for the Week Ahead

2.20am BBC News 6.00am Commonwealth Games 2018

6.15pm ITV Evening News 6.25pm ITV News London 6.30pm Ninja Warrior UK 7.30pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule Britain's Got Talent 8.00pm 9.25pm The Keith and Paddy Picture Show

9.55pm ITV News 10.15pm Legally Blonde 12.05am Marcella 12.55am Jackpot247 3.00am Babushka

3.50am ITV Nightscreen

6.00am Sooty

9.00pm Thor 11.15pm Big Game 12.55am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 1.45am Hollyoaks Omnibus 3.55am Building the Dream 4.50am The Question Jury 5.45am Steph and Dom's One

Star to Five Star 6.15am King of Queens 6.40am King of Queens

6.00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away! 7.00pm The Secret Life of Owls 8.00pm The Qe2: The World's Greatest Cruise Ship

8.55pm 5 News Weekend 9.00pm Football on 5 10.00pm Football on 5 10.30pm 20 Moments That Rocked the 00s 12.00am Super Casino 3.10am Murder on the Internet

4.00am The Murderer Next Door 4.45am House Doctor 5.10am Divine Designs

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Sunday April 15th

BBC I

8.00pm

Antiques Roadshow

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MORNING

AFTERNOON

TOP

1.15pm MasterChef

7.30am Match of the Day 9.00am The Andrew Marr Show 10.00am The Big Questions 11.00am Homes Under the Hammer

12.00pm Bargain Hunt 1.00pm BBC News

2.15pm MasterChef 3.15pm Escape to the Country 4.00pm Lifeline

4.10pm Songs of Praise 4.45pm Pointless 5.35pm BBC News

7.00pm Countryfile

10.00pm BBC News

5.50pm Regional News and Weather

6.00pm The Big Painting Challenge

6.30pm 8.00pm

2.05am

3.05am

4.05am

6.00am

6.30am

8.00pm Antiques Roadshow 9.00pm Ordeal by Innocence

10.20pm Regional News and Weather 10.30pm Match of the Day 2 11.30pm The Peacemaker 1.25am Weather for the Week Ahead

1.30am BBC News 6.00am Breakfast

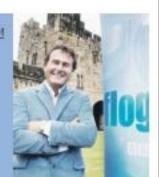
BBC 2

3.00pm Football

5.30pm Flog It!



9.15am Commonwealth Games 2018



Today at the Games

Crewing Up

Question Time

This is BBC Two

Flog it! Trade Secrets

Escape to the Country

Holby City

9.00pm My Year with the Tribe

10.20pm The Homesman

12.15am The Hunters

10.00pm Famalam

Britain's Biggest Warship:

ITV 8.00pm



8.00am The Haunted Hathaways 8.25am ITV News 8.30am Zoe Ball on Sunday Love Your Garden 9.25am 10.00am Peston on Sunday 11.00am Britain's Got Talent

12.20pm Britain's Got More Talent 1.20pm ITV Lunchtime News 1.30pm Ninja Warrior UK 2.30pm You've Been Framed! Tipping Point 3.00pm Change Your Tune 4.00pm 5.00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special

6.00pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule

ITV News London

The Durrells

Celebrity Catchphrase

Take on the Twisters

The Jeremy Kyle Show

Good Morning Britain

ITV Nightscreen

The Good Karma Hospital

6.30pm ITV Evening News

10.20pm Peston on Sunday

11.15pm This Time Next Year

6.45pm

7.00pm

8.00pm

9.00pm

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10.00pm ITV News

12.10am |ackpot247

Channel 4

8.00pm The Crystal Maze



Everybody Loves Raymond Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30am Everybody Loves Raymond Eat the Week with Iceland 8.25am

12.30pm The Simpsons 1.00pm The Simpsons 1.30pm The Simpsons 2.00pm Formula I 4.30pm Speed with Guy Martin

6.30pm Channel 4 News

8.00pm The Crystal Maze

11.00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats

12.05am Out of the Furnace

3.50am KOTV Boxing Weekly

4.20am Gillette World Sport

Countdown

2.10am Hotel Salvation

Does Countdown

The Question Jury

Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free

9.00pm Homeland

10.05pm Lifeline

4.45am

5.40am

6.00am

7.00pm Escape to the Chateau

9.30am Sunday Brunch

5.30pm Grand Designs

Channel 5

7.00pm The Royals.



9.45am Peppa Pig 9.55am Peppa Pig

10.00am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 10.35am Football on 5

11.20am Football on 5 11.50am FIA Formula E Highlights

1.45pm Traffic Cops 2.45pm A Royal Night Out 3.45pm 5 News 3.50pm A Royal Night Out The Hundred-Foot Journey 4.40pm 5.40pm 5 News 5.45pm The Hundred-Foot Journey

6.55pm 5 News Weekend 7.00pm Royal Babies: The Crown and the Crib

8.00pm Meghan Markle: The First 100 Days Harry and Meghan: In Their Own Words

10.00pm The Dater's Handbook 11.45pm Kensington Palace: Fit for a Princess

1.15am Super Casino 3.10am Secrets of Great British Castles 4.00am My Mum's Hotter Than Me!

House Doctor 4.45am Divine Designs 5.10am Wildlife SOS 5.35am 6.00am Peppa Pig

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Day trips by coach with a friendly courier and entrance fees included

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£69 per person Price includes: Coach travel, ferry crossing on Red Funnel's Southampton - East Cowes route (09:00 outbound and 17:30 return), entrance to Osborne house, visit to Shanklin with a fish & chip lunch, and afternoon visit to the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary.



with lunch and then in the afternoon visit **Emmetts Garden** Wednesday 2nd May £65 pp (£45 National Trust members)

There's something for

everyone at Chartwell, whether you are eager to visit the fascinating rooms of the house, or delve into Sir Winston Churchill's studio, you will gain a real insight into Churchill's private world. We have included lunch at Chartwell house. After lunch we ravel the short distance to Emmetts Garden. Emmetts Garden is a hillside garden at Ide Hill with views over the Weald of Kent. Enjoy the ambience of Emmetts Garden with its unique collection of plants and



trees. Renowned for its

Day trip to the Isle | Chartwell House | Bargain Long Weekend Break to Scarborough at the Red Lea Hotel | Day Trip to Guernsey Friday 11th - Monday 14th May £289 per person (first 6 single rooms no supplement)

Includes: all coach travel. ensuite accommodation for 3 nights on dinner, room and breakfast basis, live entertainment on Saturday and Sunday, excursions to Robin Hood Bay and Whitby on Saturday, tour of the North Yorkshire Moors on Sunday featuring 'Heartbeat' country including a light lunch at The Goathland Hotel (aka Aidensfield Arms) and the morning in York on Monday



The Red Lea is our favourite hotel in Scarborough it is situated overlooking the picturesque South cliff, the staff are lovely and the food is excellent. The hotel has an indoor heated pool We make 2/3 comfort stops enroute to Scarborough and on the return journey we spend the morning in the historical City of York. During you stay you will enjoy two excursions, one to Robin Hood Bay and Whitby and the other to 'Heartbeat' Country with a light lunch at the Aidensfield Arms.

Optional supplements: subject to availability. Double for sole use £36 and double or twin rooms with sea view £20 per person.



Ride Mail Rail at The Postal Museum followed by a visit to the Museum of London Docklands; Wednesday 23rd May; Price: £45 per person. Journey back in time on a specially made train through the original tunnels and station platforms under Mount Pleasant to experience the hidden history of Mail Rail, visit the Postal Museum and in the afternoon visit the fabulous Museum of London Docklands.

Saturday 9th June

£72 per person includes: return coach travel to Poole, highspeed ferry crossings, breakfast and evening meals on board the ferry. Yes, our most popular day trip is back for 2018



Condor's comfortable and spacious trimaran, takes just 3 hours to get

from Poole to Guernsey. Once there, you will have up to 4 hours in which to explore the island's capital of St. Peter Port with its winding cobbled streets and quaint shops. Alternatively, how about a £1 tour of the island (round trip) on a bus. Duty free shopping on board the ferry and tax free

> in Guernsey. UK passport NOT required.



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Monday April 16th

TOP IV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

BBC I

9.00pm DIY SOS the Big Build



9.15am Health

10.00am Homes Under the Hammer 11.00am Heir Hunters

1.30pm Regional News and Weather

3.00pm Escape to the Country

11.45am Dom on the Spot

12.15pm Bargain Hunt 1.00pm BBC News at One

1.45pm Doctors

4.30pm Flog It!

5.15pm Pointless

2.15pm 800 Words

3.45pm Flipping Profit

BBC 2



7.15am Flog It! 8.00am Hugh's Wild West

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This, of course, gives me the starting block on how the XC60 faired when I took 'her' out for a spin to Norfolk.

I don't know much about Norfolk, apart from it has lovely beaches and some lovely roads. If I was you, I would go for a day out - but remember you will need the XC60 if you really want to experience the real driving pleasure.

Power & efficiency

The XC60 I had on test was fitted with a 190hp four-cylinder 1,969cc

diesel engine with 400Nm of torque at 1750rpm. 0-60 is dealt with in around 8.3sec (manual) and will max out at 127mph. I like this engine a lot because this; once you have, you will never drive it's very refined and does the job of getting you around at a decent pace brilliantly. The big plus point here though feel this way? Well, to be honest, I have is its torque levels which makes overtaking easy and pretty much effortless, time I go out for a drive in a Volvo, I even for a vehicle that I would consider to be large in size. For those of you looking for the fuel figures, I managed around 50+ mpg on the combined cycle.

On the road

I expected nothing but the best because my test car was fitted with AWD - which basically means you can take it anywhere you like subject to the ride height of course. Remember this is not a Range Rover - but for me, it ticks all the right boxes and its AWD abilities are very good on pretty much any surface. I was actually amazed at the amount of grip it had on and off-road. Volvo have done a great job in getting this system to work on all surfaces - while still allowing it to feel



like a normal road car once you hit the tarmac, which is pretty hard to pull off - as most will suffer from either being a little soft or at the other end of the scale 'rock hard'. But Volvo seems to have found some middle ground here, which is, of course, a real blessing.

Design & technology

Volvo interiors are very similar across all their models - and are all

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A bit of an end of season game

By George Welch

TERRY Brown bemoaned his side's lack of cutting edge as Basingstoke Town continued their season wind down with a 1-0 loss at Royston Town.

Stopper Colm McAdden turned in a superb performance in the away goal, but an Adam Murray winner for Royston undid Town three minutes into the second half.

The Dragons are the top scorers outside the top five in the Southern Premier League but they fired a blank for the first time in nine matches as

they suffered a third defeat in four

Boss Brown said: "We had plenty of possession and opportunities to find the final ball but we had no cutting edge.

"It's a difficult place to come. They're sixth in the league for a reason and they deserved the win. On another day we would have got some shots on target and got a goal or two.

"We should have done better as an attacking force."

He added: "It was an end of season game. Neither side had any urgency

but we didn't have a shot on target all day so you're not going to win games like that.

"It was a nice warmish day, in a lovely little setting in a beautiful part of the world. They had nothing to play for, we had nothing to play for and it had a little bit of that.

"We've worked hard on trying to keep them going and if we scored once we would have got two or three."

The youngsters could be given some game time as 11th-placed Basingstoke face a hectic few days with three games in six days.

They travel to St Ives Town in a rearranged fixture tonight (Thursday) before hosting second bottom Dunstable Town and Bishop's Stortford (19th) on Saturday and Tuesday respectively.

Brown said: "I'm glad we've got the extra bit of rest for Thursday [tonight] but come the following Tuesday when we've played Thursday, Saturday, Tuesday we will be tired.

"We talk about giving academy boys a chance, they will be given their chance. Hopefully one or two of them will grasp that."

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Woe for Wintney

LACKLUSTRE Hartley Wintney suffered the away day blues as fellow promotion chasers Cambridge City convincingly beat them 4-1.

Playing at St Ives Town's Westwood Road, City's temporary home, Jordan Williams gave the nomadic hosts a half-time lead.

James Hall fired home from 10 yards straight after the break to make it two before Jake Baxter headed in what proved to be a consolation on the hour.

Ryan Towner and Hall added Cambridge's third and fourth in the emphatic victory.

The Row left it late on Tuesday to make amends by scoring twice in the final two minutes against Thame to secure a 2-0 win.

Jake Baxter struck on 88 minutes before Paul Hodges made sure of the win two minutes later.

The Row are 4th in Evo-Stik South East, one point off the automatic promotion places with five games remain-

Hitting the Buff-ers

BASINGSTOKE Buffalo ended their season the same way they began it with a crushing 5-0 home defeat.

The Buffs opened their campaign with a 5-0 loss to Haringey Huskies in September and concluded it with the same scoreline at Chelmsford Chieftains last week.

Basingstoke's second team finished the South Two campaign 11th of 14, with 16 points from 26 games.

They lost 16 of those matches but were only six points - or three wins off the play-offs.

Vying for promotion

TADLEY Calleva are back in the promotion places after back-to-back

The Tadders beat East Cowes Victoria 2-1 at home on Saturday before a 1-0 win at Romsey Town on Tuesday.

Connor Thorne chipped the keeper from a tight angle before Tadley should have had a second, only for the ball to fly through a hole in the net and the referee awarding a goal kick.

The wins extended their winning run to five league games and lifted them to 3rd in Wessex Division One.

Meanwhile, Whitchurch United picked up four points at home after drawing 2-2 with Romsey Town and beating Downton 2-1 on Saturday and Monday respectively.

Time to regroup after disappointing Brands Hatch weekend

NORTH Hampshire driver Rob Collard endured a "frustrating weekend" at the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship at Brands Hatch on Sunday.

WSR-run BMW 125i M Sport's Collard, from Eversley, began the first race in 19th and sustained rearsuspension damage in two separate collisions.

But a typically gritty performance from Collard rescued the race as he finished 15th.

On the Race Two grid, he changed to wet tyres and finished 26th after being squeezed between two cars and into a spin.

Collard took to the tarmac for the third and final race and gained six places in a lap but a car spun into him as they entered the Druids hairpin together, knocking an innocent Collard into the gravel.

He said: "We came to Brands Hatch with a lot of hope.

"We were second here last year and we've won here twice before on the opening weekend, so to come away with only one point is very disappointing.

"Our third race sums up our week-

"I made a good start and going up into Druids a car spun into me - I was on the outside and he hit me and pushed me straight off into the gravel.

"It was a frustrating way to end a frustrating weekend.

"We have to go away and regroup." The next event takes place at Donington Park, East Midlands, on April 28 and 29.



BMW lead the BTCC Manufacturers' standings as they aim for another title despite a frustrating weekend for Rob Collard

Masters glory evades Rose again after solid finish



JUSTIN Rose finished tied 12th in the US Masters after saving his best round of 69 until the final day to finish on six-under par.

Rose, who led by a shot with two holes to play 12 months ago before eventually losing out in a play-off to Sergio Garcia, started slowly this time in Augusta.

The former Robert May's pupil opened with a round of 72, followed by a 70, 71 and finally 69 for a total of 282.

Three birdies and three bogeys meant the north Hampshire golfer opened with a level-par first round.

The former Tylney Park and Hartley Wintney member carded a second round of 70 in tricky conditions at Augusta National to reach two-under par and trail early clubhouse leaders

Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth by two shots.

Announcing himself as a contender, Rose said he was 'pleased' with his putting and round of six birdies and four bogeys.

But that was as close as last year's runner-up got - although closer than Garcia who failed to make the weekend after a horror show on the 15th in the first round - to competing as he plodded along for a one-under Saturday, leaving him well off the pace.

Rose saved his best round until last though with a three-under par to climb to 12th, where he tied with Louis Oosthuizen and Charley Hoffman.

Patrick Reed took home the green jacket on 15-under, one ahead of closest challenger Rickie Fowler.

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Inside: Collard frustrated at Brands Hatch

Masters glory has to wait another year for Rose

End of season feeling for Town

Bison national champions: 'We saved the best till last'

By Owen Hughes

BASINGSTOKE Bison claimed a trophy treble after taming Telford Tigers on Sunday to be named national champions.

The Herd added the NIHL Final Four trophy to their league and playoff titles after shutting out the Tigers in a 4-0 win in the Grand Final.

The South 1 champions conquered north league winners Sheffield Steeldogs in Saturday's 3-1 semi-final to progress to the final thanks to a hat trick from talisman captain 'fantastic' Aaron Connolly.

A hard-fought 3-1 victory against the northern champions set up the showdown with the Shropshire side in the National League's first ever big weekend tournament in Coventry.

The Tigers proved they were no pushovers in their 4-1 semi final win pouncing on the Herd's NIHL title rivals Peterborough Phantoms.

But from the puck hitting the ice to the final second in Sunday's final clash, Bison were the better team and deserved to triumph over Telford.

The Herd were in front after six minutes when Bison took advantage of an early powerplay as Kurt Reynolds beat Denis Bell at 6.22 minutes.

Connolly added a second and his fourth of the tournament at 16.21 before the first break.

Telford came out fighting in the

second period but Bison weathered the storm to pile pressure back on their opponents.

Josh Smith notched the Herd's third after burying a Reynolds rebound on 23.49 minutes for their second powerplay goal of the game.

Man of the match Ivan Antonov completed the rout on 33.49 minutes with a clinical finish after good work from Dan Davies to release his man.

Bison cruised through the final period with Dean Skinns between the pipes ensuring a complete shut out to Telford's 15 shots on goal compared with Bison's 41.

At the final buzzer, Bison completed their first ever treble as captain Connolly was presented with the trophy to round off a super season for the Hampshire side.

Speaking to the English Ice Hockey Association after the game, coach Doug Sheppard said: "I thought we were the better team throughout the game, but to be honest surprised at how good we were.

"We have been good all year but I think we saved our best until last; the guys were phenomenal tonight.

"Tonight was a complete performance from the net out.

"Our fans have been amazing all year; sure they've had a lot to cheer these past few weeks, but they stick with us through thick and thin and have been tremendous."



Basingstoke Bison celebrate their fantastic season with the fans Picture: grantkingphotography.co.uk

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